



NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATOR

Our neighborhood covers the area from Indian School Road north to the Grand Canal between 15th and 19th Avenues. This area is comprised of over 300 single family residences and a combination of approximately 150 rental units and business locations.

<http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/belair/>

CALENDAR

Martin Luther School's
Rummage Sale 4/30
& 5/1
(See Page 8)

Board Meeting 5/3
7 p.m. @ American Evangelical
Lutheran Church - Fireside Room
1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

Cinco De Mayo 5/5

Mother's Day 5/9

General Meeting 5/15
with Elections
9 a.m. - 11 a.m. @ American Evan-
gelical Lutheran Church Gym
1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

Bulk Trash Placement Begins 5/22

Bulk Trash Collection Begins 5/31

Memorial Day 5/31
Holiday Collection Schedule
Recyclables - Tuesday's collection
Moves to Wednesday 6/2/10

Board Meeting 6/7
7 p.m. @ American Evangelical
Lutheran Church - Fireside Room
1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

Independence Day 7/4
Holiday Collection Schedule
Recyclables - Tuesday's collection
Moves to Wednesday 7/7/10

You are invited to a
General Meeting with Elections
Saturday, May 15th 9:00 – 11:00 AM

At the American Evangelical Lutheran Church Gym
1830 W. Glenrosa Avenue

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

ELECT NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Information about the board nominees
is on Page 5 and 6 of this newsletter!

**If you are unable to attend the general meeting,
please vote using the Official Absentee Ballot on Page 5!**

Las Comunicaciones Del Vecindario En Español

ESTAS INVITADO A UNA JUNTA GENERAL CON ELECCIONES

SABADO, 15 DE MAYO 9:00 - 11:00AM

EN EL GYMNASIO DE LA IGLESIA
AMERICAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN, 1830 W GLENROSA AVE

ORADOR INVITADO ESPECIAL

ELIJA MIEMBROS NUEVOS DEL CONSEJO

INFORMACION SOBRE LOS NOMINADOS ESTA LOCALIZADA EN LA PAGINA
5 Y 6 DE ESTA CARTA DE AVISOS

SI NO PUEDE ASISTIR A LA JUNTA, POR FAVOR UTILICE EL VOTO DE
AUSENTE LOCALIZADA EN LA PAGINA 5

NO OLVIDE
DE COMPLETAR
EL FORMULARIO
DEL CENSO

BEL AIR BOARD

Roshelle Johnson , President
Email: crkjohanson@yahoo.com
Appointed 7/2009
Term 2009-2010
Home: 602-377-7304

Don Hilton , Treasurer
masterdonaldHilton@yahoo.com
 Appointed 7/2008
 Term 2008-2010

Carolyn McBane , Secretary
Email: bcmcbane@q.com
Elected 5/2008.Term 2008-2010

Carrie Frazer , News Editor
Email: carriefraz@aol.com
Elected 5/2008,Term 2008-2010
Home: 602-265-4123

Jeanne Greene
Email: jnngreene@cox.net
Appointed 7/2009
Term 2009-2011

Gary Hall
Email: 12380@cox.net
1701 W. Devonshire Ave.
Elected 5/2009, Term 2009-2011
Home: (602) 218-6972

Wayne Harmon
Email: wpharmon@azboss.net
Appointed 11/2008
Term 2008-2010

Steven Hofmann
steven@indianschoolroad.com
 Elected 5/2009, Term 2009-2011

Mike Orth
Email: mikeorth@email.com
Elected 5/2009, Term 2009-2011

Marney Redmond
Email: M_Redmond@live.com
Elected 5/2008,Term 2008-2010

Charles Wilfong
Email: uwilfong@aol.com
Appointed 11/2009
Term 2009-2011

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General Fund Account:

Balance 02/01/10	\$814.56
- Feb. Gen. Mtg.	
Coffee	-\$27.29
& Donuts	-\$50.62
+ Newsletter ad-Am.Lth	+42.00
+ Newsletter ad-Goettl	+84.00

End Balance 03/01/10	\$862.65
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Block Watch Grant Account:

Balance 02/01/10	\$1,984.66
- Feb. Gen. Mtg.	-\$40.00
- Feb. Board Mtg.	-\$15.00
- March Board Mtg.	-\$15.00
- March/Apr. Newsletter	-\$111.77

Ending Balance 3/01/10 \$1,802.89

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Board Meeting Minutes

Date: February 1, 2010

Location: Gym @ American Evangelical Lutheran Church (AELC), 1830 W Glenrosa
The meeting was called to order by Steven Hofmann, who was asked to stand in for President Roshelle Johnson, at 7:05PM..

In Attendance: Members: Carolyn McBane, Jeanne Greene, Steven Hofmann, Carrie Frazer, Gary Hall, Donald Hilton, Charles Wilfong, Marney Redmond, and Wayne Harman. There were 5 residents of BelAir in attendance in addition to the board members.

Pros/Cons of Special Meeting: It was agreed that factual information was presented, there was a good turnout with a diversity of input; resource persons from entities such as SRP and City of Phoenix showed support for our neighborhood; newcomers to the neighborhood attended.

Treasurer's Report: Don Hilton presented the Treasurer's Report. The general fund had a beginning balance at December 31 of \$888.59. Check #176 in the amount of \$95.03 was written on January 29 for Adopt-A-Family expenses and a deposit was made on January 29 in the amount of \$21.00 from two ads in the newsletter. The ending balance was \$814.26 on February 1, 2010.

The Block Watch Grant account had a beginning balance of \$2,191.43 as of December 31, 2009. Checks were written as follows:

1/7/2010 American Evangelical Lutheran Church #1013	\$45.00
December Cookie Exchange rent	

1/7/2010 American Evangelical Lutheran
Church #1014 \$15.00
January Board Meeting rent
1/29/2010 VOID #1015
1/29/2010 Newsletter Printing #1016 \$111.77
1/29/2010 American Evangelical Lutheran
Church #1017 \$35.00
Special Meeting rent
Leaving a balance of \$1,984.66 as of February
1, 2010.

Minutes: The minutes for the November 2009 board meeting were reviewed. Don moved that they be approved, Marney seconded, and the minutes were approved. The January 2010 board meeting minutes were reviewed. Don said that the beginning balance as of October 31 for the Block Watch grant should be changed to \$2,304.98 and the ending balance as of December 31 should be changed to \$2,191.43. That correction was made and Wayne moved the minutes be approved as corrected. Steven seconded and the motion carried.

Fight Back Updates:

A. Traffic Committee: No report

B. Community Enhancement and C. Community Preservation: Don reported that they are looking for the Yard of the Quarter. A General Meeting will be held February 13 in the AELC church building; they are looking at March 13 to do the neighborhood clean-up and a date for the yard sale. There was talk about having a table at the Melrose street fair, but it is too late for this year.

D. Crime Prevention: Marney said she has been doing unofficial drive-thrus of the

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Bel Air Neighborhood Special Meeting January 23, 2010 Minutes

Steven Hofmann opened meeting.

Discussion today:

Fight Back Issues

Gate Issues

ASU Facilitator- passed out cards for questions

Timekeeper – Jerry - 3 minute limit for speakers.

City of Phoenix – Lisa Huggins-Hubbard, Neighborhood Specialist, NSD

Presented history of Fight Back Program Overview of Survey with concerns and issues.

Committee was formed Sept. 2007

Fliers were sent to every “Resident Initiated Program Household”.

Plan voted on Feb. 2008.

Stated that this was an “Open Process”,

Canal Project – Improvements along canal “Pedestrian Friendly”.

Only a Visioning Project – No funding.

Gates and Fences

Initiated through Traffic and Crime Committee.

ASU School of Architectural Design is working on “Artistic Designs”

“No Mandate” by the City of Phoenix.

Citizen Committee needs to Drive Process, if anything is developed.

There is funding for gates and fences.

8 locations “Proposed”. Design needs to be looked at.

75% of residents need to approve abandonment for gates.

Different processes for Easements. Alleys, Gates and Fences.

Neighbors must decide.

Introduced

Phoenix Police Sergeant Gary Coffman.

Dave Keifer from SRP.

Phoenix Police Sergeant Gary Coffman.

Discussed Herion abuses – home on Heatherbrae.

17th Avenue home a real challenge.

Drug Abuse.

Sergeant stated that he was offering his opinion only and that he would close his own alley. This would accomplish Access Control and Target Hardening.

A block wall is a Graffiti opportunity and offers seclusion for crime.

Drug trafficking does occur down alleys. CPTED. Crime Prevention through Environmental Design would require that gates do not obstruct the view down an alley.

Carrie Frazer

Presented arguments against gating the alleys. A written copy of her concerns was given to the Police, Phoenix, SRP and the Neighborhood Association Board Members. A copy is attached to these minutes. Many safety concerns were presented, especially noted was the danger to women who irrigate and would have to get out of their cars to open alley gates, sometimes in the middle of the night.

Phoenix Police Sergeant Gary Coffman.

(Comment noted later in the meeting)

I am concerned with the issues raised by Carrie and her problems with irrigating and having to get out of her car at night to unlock gates.

This is a real concern for safety.

Darlene Justus, President North Tempe Neighborhood Association (Disclosure- Carrie Frazer's aunt)

Pointed out that fencing an area can sometimes create a haven for intruders rather than keeping them out. Case in point: The City of Tempe fenced a riparian region behind the Arizona Historical Society Museum to keep out homeless and vagrants. The fence acted as a barrier for law-abiding citizens preventing them access to the riparian area, while creating a haven for the wrong folks and even kept citizens from interfering with their camp. We have found that encouraging citizen access deters crime. Appropriate lighting improves security and encourages citizen use.

Walter Scott, Comment and Question

Good job Community Policing.

Is there any reason to change alley and canal access?

Phoenix Police Sergeant Gary

Coffman.

“You are in a nice neighborhood.”

Canal limits access to your neighborhood. You have multiple challenges surrounding your neighborhood.

Walter Scott, Comment

“Need to balance enjoyment with needed safety”.

Phoenix Police Sergeant Gary Coffman.

Fencing Canal can do two things.

Keep bad guys out of neighborhood and kids out of the canal.

Walter Scott, Comment

Alley and canal access are two different things.

Limited access to alley is a good thing.

Phoenix Police Sergeant Gary Coffman.

The canal is a natural barrier.

“If I were king, I would put a wrought iron fence along the canal”.

Walter Scott, Comment

I want a walkway on the canal.

Phoenix Police Sergeant Gary Coffman.

“If you just want to limit crime, you could become a gated community. However I am not a proponent of that”. Bel Air’s crime statistic data includes the area north of the canal, which is a “bad area”. The statistics are not representative of Bel Air’s low crime rate.

Walter Scott, Question

From a crime perspective, would we have less crime with no alley easement?

Phoenix Police Sergeant Gary Coffman.

“Yes.”

Carrie Frazer

There recently was a home burglary in a home without an alley easement.

SRP Official

When canals are lined SRP paves the road on the access side of the canal.

Pedestrian bridges over the canal have been offered. However, citizens because of concerns that they would be connecting bad regions to their neighborhood have stopped them.

SRP will not light the canal.

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B e l A i r N e i g h b o r h o o d S p e c i a l M e e t i n g J a n u a r y 2 3 , 2 0 1 0 M i n u t e s (c o n t .)

If alley gates are put in they must provide you with a key to the lock. Access cannot be impeded. Water flow cannot be blocked.

Mark Day

There is a Break Ins and Buildings report.
History- there have been break ins from the alleys.
Maybe we could have done a better job communicating.
We have encouraged all to get involved.
We have 5 participants.
There are sign up sheets at this meeting.

Ken Jones

Gates along the canal, not a good idea.
Instead encourage activity.
Want more crime analysis, not opinions.

Mike Radtke

Circulated a petition to not obstruct canal. In early December had approximately 100 signatures. Now have 140 signatures. The Association has never acknowledged the survey. The survey was given to Steven Hofmann at this Special Meeting. What do we have to do to get the Board to take this issue off the table?

Beverly Brown

Realtor for 12 years.
Has irrigation from alley. Will not take irrigation. However will rake ditch. Planning to take out trees along ditch. There are bad elements using the alley. Resigned from the Board. Don't have the time. Losing "Quiet Enjoyment". Need Community Beautification.

Max Thompson-McCue

We are talking about controlling access to our community. You would have a key to locks. There is not a high volume of walkers in the alleys. Not talking about permanently closing the alleys.

Tracy Spencer

Very impressed with the community.

Need 75% agreement to block alleys and easements.

75% could be necessary to close access to the canal.

Proposed – 27 gates at \$500 per gate.
Can we get attractive gates for \$500 each?

City of Phoenix – Lisa Hubbard, Neighborhood Specialist, NSD

\$7-900 each gate installed.

Tracy Spencer

Could the \$13,000 gate funding be re-assignable to something else for the community?

City of Phoenix – Lisa Hubbard, Neighborhood Specialist, NSD

The funding is for Infrastructure funding. Lighting is a possibility. Want to get funds allocated as quickly as possible, while the funds are still available.

City of Phoenix Supervisor , Annie M. Alvarado, Deputy Director, NSD

Money will stay. However need to build consensus within the neighborhood. The funds are for a CIP, Capital Improvement Project.

Everyone has a right to make his or her wishes heard.

Neighbor Question

Why are several alleys not proposed to have gates?

City of Phoenix – Lisa Hubbard, Neighborhood Specialist, NSD

North of 15th Drive and North of Glendrosa there is parking in the rear.

Dick Bushouse

Commented that neighbors need to call the police when you see someone who doesn't belong and you are concerned.

Estela Guerra

Locking gates to alley access will not prevent crime. 3 cars were stolen from the front of my house.

Steven Hofmann

There is human waste in the alleys from

people who do not belong in our neighborhood. Want to encourage more pride.

Susan Thompson-McCue

There is a 301 Block Grant for alley lights. There are sign up lists at this meeting. Please get involved.

Senator Jack Brown

I am a half time resident in the neighborhood. Encouraged all to be orderly, "We are all in one neighborhood." Be respectful, work together. The canal is a big ditch. I don't want to make it a short cut.

Nicholas Radtke

Our petition has 140 signatures representing approximately 90 households. We do not want the canal access blocked. The Board won't respond. There are approximately 300 households in the neighborhood with about 150 rentals. We have shown that this is not wanted. Why are we still discussing the canal?

Board Member

In the future when there is funding we will look at the canal. The Board is trying to get all of the facts. We are now concentrating on the alleys.

Nicholas Radtke

Must we abandon the alleys? Will the property be give to the homeowners? If gates are put up, individuals could lock them. There is a 3AM irrigation issue. Irrigation users need access.

Don Hilton New Resident

Joined the Board.

Worked in Mesa with canal paving and lighting. Concerned with crime in the neighborhood. When law officers are laid off we will have more crime.

Tom Greenwalt

I am not on the committee. I am involved in the community. Don't shortcut us.

Max Thompson-McCue

Need to prioritize time on alley issues.

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General Meeting & Elections On May 15th, 9am - 11am!

On May 15th, we will be collecting and tabulating the ballots for the 2010 Board Elections. Those elected will serve into the year 2012. Elected board members serve a two year term. We have six elected positions to fill. All residents, property owners, business owners, and non-profit organizations located in the Bel Air Neighborhood (18 years of age or older) shall have one vote each to be cast during attendance at the general meeting. One representative from each business or non-profit organization will cast one vote. Persons who own rental property in Bel Air are considered business owners regarding voting.

If you are unable to attend the general meeting, please drop off or mail your absentee ballot to: Bel Air Neighborhood Association c/o Jeanne Greene, 1802 W. Heatherbrae Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85015. If you need an additional absentee ballot, you may print one from the .pdf version of this newsletter on our website at: www.neighborhoodlink.com/phoenix/belair.

And, the nominees are...

Anders, Virginia

Phone/email: 602-369-7162 / vanders@cox.net

Occupation: writer, musician, teacher

Years in neighborhood: 38

Board history: I was the Secretary on the board for several years.

Quote: "Serving on the Bel Air board is an opportunity to lend a hand in the life of my neighborhood."

Bushouse, Sharon

Phone/email: 602-222-8718 / rsbushouse@q.com

Years in neighborhood: apx. 15

Board history: Board President (2003-2004), Board Member (2002-2004)

Quote: "I feel that we all have an obligation to 'give back' and if chosen to be part of the Board I hope to be in a position to do that."

Frazer, Carrie

Phone/email: 602-265-4123 / carriefraz@aol.com

Occupation: housewife

Years in neighborhood: 17

Board history: Newsletter Editor (2008-current), Secretary ('08-'09), Board member (June '08-current)

Quote: "After having enjoyed and benefitted from many of the past neighborhood events, programs, and improvements over the years, I would like to be able to continue to 'pay it forward' by serving on the board."

Hamm, Katie

Phone/email: 602-264-5611/tomkat12002@yahoo.com

Occupation: Retired

Years in neighborhood: 24

Board history: None

Quote: "I'm interested in helping to make our neighborhood the best in Phoenix."

Harmon, Wayne

Phone/e-mail: 602-264-6973 / wpharmon@azboss.net

Occupation: Retired

Years in neighborhood: 24



May 2010
General Elections
Absentee Ballot

There are currently six (6) openings for Board Members.
You may vote for up to six (6) candidates.

- ☐ Anders, Virginia
- ☐ Bushouse, Sharon
- ☐ Frazer, Carrie
- ☐ Hamm, Katie
- ☐ Harmon, Wayne
- ☐ McBane, Carolyn
- ☐ Radtke, Mike
- ☐ Soto (Ayers), Juanita
- ☐ Wigley, Pamela

☐ _____
Write in Candidate

☐ _____
Write in Candidate

Your Name

Your Address

Board history: 1st Time - Helped set up bylaws, 2nd Time - Was asked to help fill unexpired term (vacancy)

Quote: "I feel that one needs to participate in the community where you reside. I have been a science and math teacher for 18 years.

Also worked for 18 years in the operations and communications for AT&T. Have delivered neighborhood flyers about 25 years. I would enjoy being on the board."

McBane, Carolyn

Phone/e-mail: 602-279-7787 bcmcbane@q.com

Occupation: Retired Administrative Secretary from State of AZ

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General Meeting & Elections On May 15th, 9am - 11am! (cont.)

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Years in neighborhood: 42

Board history: Served on board 2008-2010; secretary 2009-

2010; member of Community Enhancement Committee

Quote: "I've found that neighborhoods don't just happen, residents have to join together to make them work. I've really enjoyed my first two years and have found out a lot about how the City of Phoenix helps to make not only BelAir work, but also the surrounding neighborhoods. With the budget shortages, residents are going to have to take on things, such as painting out graffiti, that had been done for us in prior years."

Radtke, Mike

Phone/email: 602-279-7190 / wa7zpu@arri.net

Occupation: Retired software engineer

Years in neighborhood: 37

Board history: Never served

Quote: "I would attempt to bring more openness to Neighborhood Association activities by seeking resident's input and increasing the visibility of the associations plans."

Soto Ayers, Juanita

Phone/email: 602-277-0709 / jsotoayers@yahoo.com

Occupation: Retired Certified Counselor

Years in neighborhood: 21

Board history: Served on the Central Arizona Health Systems Governing Board (1982-87) and was actively involved in committee work in 1996 - 98 when spouse (Stacey Ayers) was a board member of the Bel-Air Association.

Quote: "I am interested in serving on the Board because I want to help to maintain the Bel-Air neighborhood as a strong, vibrant community for its residents and the City of Phoenix."

Wigley, Pamela

Phone/e-mail: (602) 266-9184/flamingnissan@hotmail.com

Occupation: Retired - Employment Services Specialist

Years in neighborhood: 2

Board history: None

Quote: "I would like to see our neighborhood become more united as a community by making communication more open to ALL neighbors."

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Thurs., May 13	4 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Mon., May 24	3 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Sat., June 12	9 a.m.-12 p.m.
Wed., June 23	9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Sat., July 17	9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Wed., July 21	9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Office hours will be extended to 8 a.m. 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 13, 20 and 27. If you are unable to attend an Open House, please stop by or call the office to make an appointment for a tour.

Bel Air Neighborhood Special Meeting January 23, 2010 Minutes (cont.)

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Table canal issue. There is no money.

Sharon Bushouse -former President, Bel Air Neighborhood Association

Quotes from Thomas Jefferson

1. "An honest man can feel no pleasure in the exercise of power over his fellow citizens."
2. "When a man assumes a Public Trust, he should consider himself as public property".

Helen Greenwalt

The biggest problem is the dark. Funding could be better spent on lighting.

Katie Hamm

All of us do things to make our neighborhood a great place. We need to come together.

- 1) What is the process for decision-making?
- 2) What happens next?

SRP

SRP doesn't have anything to do with the ditches. Closing ditches would be the responsibility of the water users.

Neighbor Comment

Put Grant to good use, lighting or fences.

Steven Hofmann - Board Representative

The Board is reaching out.

We want to meet as many people's needs as possible.

We want to meet on middle ground.

Please put your name on the list.

Minutes respectfully submitted by

Darlene Justus

480-529-3584

Attached Copy Of Carrie Frazer's Concerns

Carrie Frazer

January 23, 2010

Re: Proposed Alley/Easement Gates in Bel Air

A Concept I Like

The idea of beautifying certain areas in our neighborhood with the use of artwork and landscaping is very appealing.

My Concerns

1. **Installing gates will provide a safer haven for homeless and criminals** and thus attract more of them due to the resulting increased isolation. Other cities have experienced this (ie: behind the Arizona Historical Museum in Tempe).
 2. **Multiple concealment areas would be created** on alleyways undermining visibility into the alleys from adjacent streets, and create concealment areas that create easy access to property. This is dangerous for residents and police force alike. (See Bel Air Neighborhood Safety Audit Report dated 11-14-2008)
 3. **Residents would be more exposed while irrigating, especially in the middle of the night.** Instead of being able to drive down the alley north of Heatherbrae Dr. in our locked cars to check on the water or access our (irrigation) gates, we would have to stop to open and close gates at easily predictable locations where criminals could be waiting. (Many of these residents are women.)
 4. **Fast exits from the alleys will be eliminated.** Even an unlocked gate would most likely be latched.
 5. **Latches may pose too much of a challenge,** especially for vision impaired residents. Night conditions will also add to the challenges for all residents.
 6. **The gates will give the wrong impression to some residents. They will interpret them as a green light to move their back fences into the middle of the alley.** This will seriously affect the safety of residents who need to take care of the water in the ditches in these alleys.
 7. **Our potentially historic neighborhood irrigation system** may be adversely affected by some of these proposed improvements.
 8. **Placing gates on the alleys/easements will enable anyone to easily lock us out of the alleys/easements** where we are responsible for our water.
 9. **Residents' water rights would be violated** the alleys both directly north and south of Heatherbrae Drive contain open irrigation ditches.
- A.R.S. 45-112-A8 states: A person is guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor who: Places or maintains an obstruction interfering with the use of works, or prevents convenient access thereto, when an appropriator of water has the lawful right of way for the storage, diversion or carriage of such water.

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We invite and encourage you, our Bel Air neighbors, to consider Martin Luther School for the education of your child. There is definitely a feeling of family in our school community. The student body is comprised of children with many different gifts and abilities. They come

from a variety of religious, ethnic and economic backgrounds. We have full day kindergarten. Registration, tuition and assistance information is available at the school office. Please call or stop by to ask questions or to arrange for a classroom visit.

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RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, April 30th 1- 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 1st 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.

SCHOOL WIDE SALE IN THE GYM

Martin Luther School
1806 W. Glenrosa Ave.

Classified Ads

Bartering

I need a little help

Does anyone else need help keeping up their yard besides me? Until the last year or so, I've been able to maintain my own yard work. Nothing fancy, mind you, but I could do the work myself. Due to worsening back problems, I just can't follow through as I once did. The rains have gifted me with a lot of weeds in my back yard. Is there anyone who might help me out? I'd be happy to bake you a batch of my chocolate chip oatmeal cookies. Or I'd buy you a six-pack of beer. Or check on your home if you take a vacation this summer. Or take you to lunch. I'm Virginia Anders. My e-mail is vanders@cox.net. My cell phone number: 602.369.7162

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However, it is not required.

Alerts may include, but are not limited to,
reminders about General Meetings, G.A.I.N. meetings,
Neighborhood Clean-Up Days,
and Neighborhood Yard Sales.

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neighborhood at various times. Gary is now qualified to do the drive-thrus and they will be getting together to plan to do them officially. Two people are required to do a drive-thru when they are new to the program. Phoenix PD says there has been an increase in burglaries in the area. Steve has the paint and other tools to cover graffiti so report any you see to him.

Block Watch Grant 2010: Steve will join Don and Mark in putting together the Grant and Carrie and Wayne will join them in maintaining it.

February 13th General Meeting: The meeting will be held from 9-11AM in the church building at the AELC. There will be a 50/50 raffle and we will look for speakers on safety, blight and the census. People will be asked to walk or bike to the meeting as there is a basketball tournament in the gym and the parking lot will be in use for that. Food will be served, but must be eaten outside.

Newsletter: There was discussion on how to add a Spanish part to the newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is February 20.

New/Old Business: There was more discussion on the 4-plex on Westview which has been purchased to use as a home for women and children with mental and/or drug problems. This led into discussion on various vacant housing in the neighborhood. There was also discussion of people seen trespassing on property, theft of property, and a possible drug house in the neighborhood. Carrie reported an open vacant house to the police and the property managers of the

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bank-owned home have secured it.

In response to the discussion surrounding the proposed gates at both the Grand Canal and the alleys both with and without irrigation ditches in the neighborhood and the information and discussion presented at the January 23 Special Meeting, two amendments to the Fight Back Action Plan were presented and voted on as follows:

Marney - "I would like to make a motion to amend the Fight Back Action Plan as follows. Regarding planned improvements along the canal, I move that we replace the reference to gates/fences along the canal with this wording instead, 'infrastructure improvements along the canal of a non-restrictive/non-obstructive nature.' "

Discussion followed, Steve passed around a picture of an archway-type opening that might be one result from accepting the proposed wording. Gary seconded the above motion and it was approved.

Marney - "I would like to make a motion to amend the Fight Back Action Plan as follows. Regarding planned improvements along the alleys and irrigation ditches, I move that we investigate each alley or ditch on a case by case basis instead of making a decision that would apply equally to all alleys or ditches."

Discussion followed on this motion, it was seconded and the motion carried.

Charles Wilfong announced that one of the parks being looked at to be closed by the City of Phoenix is the Kids' Street Park in the Westwood neighborhood. He asked that those in attendance write a letter to Donna Neal of NAILEM and/or to the City officials asking them not to close this park.

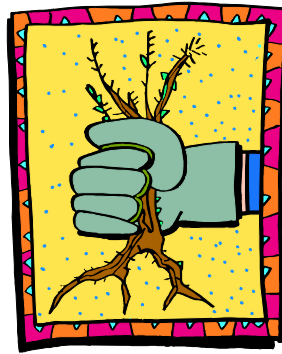
Next Board Meeting: March 1, 2010, at 7PM at AELC.

There was also a reminder of the General Meeting on February 13 and board members were asked to be there at 8:15 to help set up and also to wear their BANA tee shirts as the census will be starting. There will be teas at the meeting to hand out to those in attendance. Food and drinks will be provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 9PM.

Signed/Carolyn G McBane, Secretary

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Abandoned Vehicles	
<i>Private Property</i>	262-7844
<i>Streets, Alleys</i>	262-6151
Child Safety Seat Info.	602-495-5007
Gang Hotline	602-534-4264
Graffiti Busters	602-495-7014
Graffiti Reward Hotline	602-262-7327
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